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## Respectful Raccoon



In the heart of Whispering Woods, there lived a group of adorable animals. There was Ollie the owl, Bella the bunny, Freddie the fox, and Ricky the raccoon. They all lived happily together, except for one small problem – Ricky didn't know how to show respect to others.

Ricky would often interrupt his friends when they were talking. He'd snatch food without asking and leave a mess wherever he went. When Ollie tried to teach the younger animals, Ricky would make loud noises and distract everyone. He thought it was funny, but his friends were getting upset.

One day, Bella decided to have a picnic. She invited everyone and made delicious carrot cake. When Ricky arrived, he grabbed the biggest piece without saying "thank you" and spilled juice all over Freddie's fluffy tail.

Freddie had enough. "Ricky," he said gently, "do you know what respect means?"

Ricky looked confused. "Isn't it just being nice?"

Ollie hooted softly, "Respect is more than that. It's about treating others the way you want to be treated. It's listening when others speak, being kind with your words and actions, and considering how others feel."

Bella added, "When you show respect, you make others feel valued and important."

Ricky's ears drooped. He hadn't realized how his actions were affecting his friends. "I'm sorry," he said. "I didn't mean to hurt anyone's feelings. How can I be more respectful?"

The friends smiled, happy that Ricky wanted to change. They gave him some tips:

- Listen when others are speaking
- Ask before taking things
- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Clean up after yourself
- Think about how your actions might make others feel

Ricky practiced these tips every day. He started listening to Ollie's lessons and even helped clean up afterward. He asked politely before taking food and always said "thank you." His friends noticed the change and were proud of him.

As time passed, Ricky became known as the most respectful raccoon in Whispering Woods. He learned that showing respect not only made his friends happy but also made him feel good inside. The woods became an even happier place, filled with kindness and respect for all.

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### Reading Comprehension Questions

1. What was Ricky's problem at the beginning of the story?
  - A) He was too shy
  - B) He didn't know how to show respect
  - C) He couldn't find food
  - D) He was always sleepy
2. What did Ricky do at Bella's picnic that was disrespectful?
  - A) He didn't come to the picnic
  - B) He ate all the food
  - C) He grabbed the biggest piece without saying "thank you"
  - D) He invited extra guests
3. Who explained to Ricky what respect means?
  - A) Bella the bunny
  - B) Freddie the fox
  - C) Ollie the owl
  - D) Ricky himself
4. Which of these was NOT one of the tips Ricky's friends gave him?
  - A) Listen when others are speaking
  - B) Ask before taking things
  - C) Say "please" and "thank you"
  - D) Speak as loudly as possible
5. How did Ricky change by the end of the story?
  - A) He became the most respectful raccoon in the woods
  - B) He moved to a different forest
  - C) He stopped talking to his friends
  - D) He became the leader of Whispering Woods